(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many dwelling units are likely to be provided to EPF subscribers in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Presently, no dwelling units have been made available by State Housing Board/Development Authority in Andhra Pradesh for allotment to EPF subscribers.

Houses to EPF Subscribers

2412. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken a policy decision to allot single room houses to the Employees Provident Fund subscribers all over the country;

(b) if so, the number of houses likely to be allotted to them in the National Capital Region, locality-wise;

(c) the criteria for such allotment;

(d) by when the allotment is likely to be commenced; and

(e) by when the possession of these houses would be given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Unhygenic condition of ESI Hospital

2413. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation hospital at Okhla, New Delhi, a big institution for indoor and outdoor patient, has ever been visited by him;

(b) whether the working condition at the hospital is unhygenic and the entire paraphernalia has always foul smell emanating from nearby filths;

(c) whether such a situation is prevalent for the last decade; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps are being taken for setting the pathetic situation right for the doctors, working members of the staff and patients too?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, there is a landfill nearby which is almost full and on windy days some smell from the landfill does travel towards the Hospital.

(d) Due care to minimize its impact is being taken through planting of saplings/grass and spraying of deodorants and insecticides.

PF Depostis

†2414. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that provident fund is being collected in the country;

(b) if so, the amount deposited in the fund by the end of December, 2002;

(c) whether Government have issued any directions to invest the fund elsewhere; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have received any complaints with regard to violation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount deposited in the Employees Provident Fund as on 31.12.02 was Rs. 60,874.99 crore.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.